

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended. Claims 17-21 have been cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-5 and 8-16 are now pending in the present application. In view of the above amendments, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

The Drawings stand objected to as including several informalities. In response to this objection, the Specification has been amended to describe the reference signs 36, 55, 65 and 75. In view of the above amendments to the Specification, it is respectfully submitted that the objection to the Drawings should be withdrawn.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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